

# A2J Author Highlights

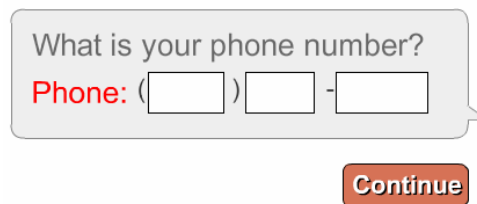
## A2J Author Continuation Grant Initiatives (November 2005 – February 2007)

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- **Continuation Grant Highlights.**
  - Electronic Filing Integration
    - Pilot project at the U.S. District Court of Eastern Missouri
  - Case Management System Integration
    - Iowa Legal Aid Pilot Project
  - Improved training and Support Infrastructure
    - A2JAuthor.org
  - Multi-Language Support
    - Spanish Language Pilot Project
  - A variety of enhancements suggested by A2J Author users and by the A2J Author Project Team
- **A2J Author Version 1.5:** New features and fixes to be released in January '07
  - Multilanguage support (packaged with Spanish language file)
  - Avatar Options
    - Tan & Blank avatar colors)
      - See image to the right →
  - Required Field Error Messages
    - A2J Guided Interviews will now display a message to the interviewee that indicates that they need to provide more information if a field is designated as required but left blank.
      - This enhances the interviewee interface
  - Variable Picker
    - Increases authoring efficiency by allowing authors to select variables while creating interview questions rather than having to type them in manually



- Duplicate Question
  - This new feature increases authoring efficiency by allowing authors to duplicate existing questions within an interview.
- Auto Save
  - A2J Author will now prompt the author to save their interview before exiting. Many authors complained that they had lost hours of work when accidentally closing A2J Author and not being prompted to save their work.
- Multiple A2J Author Windows
  - Authors can now open as many instances of A2J Author as they wish. Before, only one instance of A2J Author could be opened at a time.
- Date Field Enhancements
  - Indicate mm/dd/yyyy
    - Blank date fields now show “mm/dd/yyyy” to indicate to interviewees the format of the date that is being requested.
    - In addition, the month field will accept the names of months (i.e. September) if the interviewee decides to type out the name of the month instead of selecting the month number (1-12)
- Button Enhancements
  - If three buttons are used in a question, the buttons will now size dynamically so that they fit properly side-by-side along the bottom of the question
- Preformatted Phone # Field
  - See image right...
    - This helps to eliminate errors in formatting.
- Auto Reopen
  - When A2J Author opens, it will now start by opening the last saved interview.
- Hyperlink Enhancements
  - Hyperlinks are now blue and underlined (using the standard convention)
  - Variable values can no be used in hyperlinks to facilitate custom links based on user input
    - (i.e. <http://content.%%zipcode%%.ila.org>)
- A variety of other small bug fixes



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**A2J Author TIG Grant Initiatives (A2J Author 2.0)**  
**(Starts January 2007)**

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- **TIG Grant Highlights**
  - Legal Assistance of Western New York (LAWNY), together with Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) received a TIG award from LSC to:
    - Develop A2J Author 2.0;
      - Provide improved A2J Author training tools, including standard replicable models;
      - Make A2J Author more easily compatible with e-filing systems and case management systems; and
      - Work with ProBono.Net to develop new user login and document retrieval pages for the NPADO Server to create a seamless delivery of documents created by A2J Guided Interviews.
    - Improve community outreach through a collaborative Circuit Rider
- **A2J Author 2.0 will include:**
  - A2J Author Starter Kit which includes:
    - Web-supported training materials,
      - Web based training videos and walk-throughs
    - A formalized training manual and documentation,
    - and four (4) high volume pre-constructed A2J Guided Interviews
  - LiveHelp Integration
    - Personalized, real-time assistance for interviewees
  - API Chooser
    - Ability to easily integrate A2J Guided Interviews with XML compliant systems
  - Improved End User Experience
    - New user login and document retrieval pages for the NPADO Server to create a seamless delivery of documents created by A2J Guided Interviews.
  - A variety of author requested enhancements and bug fixes yet to be identified.